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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR RANDERS AS NATO ASG

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SUMMARY: LUNS HAS AGREED THAT RANDERS SHOULD STAY ON AS ASG FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS UNTIL SEPTEMBER. SO FAR, ONLY CANADA AND TURKEY HAVE SUBMITTED CANDIDATES BUT OTHER NOMINEES ARE POSSIBLE. MISSION BELIEVES THAT, ALTHOUGH QUALIFICATIONS DIFFER, EITHER OF TWO PRESENT CANDIDATES WOULD BE COMPETENT TO SUCCEED RANDERS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT LUNS WILL MAKE CHOICE BEFORE OTTAWA PLENARY, APRIL 10-11. END SUMMARY.

1. RANDERS TOLD US MARCH 21 THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS HAD AGREED FOR HIM TO STAY ON UNTIL SEPTEMBER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE HIATUS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF RANDERS' SUCCESSOR. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL D, WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUNS HAS NOT SET ANY FORMAL DEADLINE FOR NOMINEES. GIVEN HIS DECISION TO ALLOW RANDERS TO STAY LONGER, WE DO NOT EXPECT HIM TO MAKE FINAL CHOICE ON SUCCESSOR PRIOR TO CCMS PLENARY APRIL 10.
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LUNS HAS RECENTLY SEEN CANADIAN CANDIDATE HARE AND TURKS ARE HOPING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT SOON FOR

THEIR CANDIDATE OZDAS TO SEE LUNS. IN ADDITION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHER CANDIDATES MAY STILL BE PRESENTED. AS REPORTED EARLIER, BOTH CANADIANS AND TURKS ARE ACTIVELY LOBBYING FOR SUPPORT FROM ALLIED DELEGATIONS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORTS, HOWEVER, ON THE SUCCESS OF THIS LOBBYING. WE NOTE STRONG EFFORT MADE BY CANADIANS IN WASHINGTON (STATE 51642 NOTAL) IN SUPPORT OF HARE' S CANDIDACY.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY EVALUATION IS THAT BOTH HARE AND OZDAS, IN THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE WAYS, HAVE QUALIFICATIONS TO MAKE A VERY GOOD REPLACEMENT FOR RANDERS TO CARRY- ON CCMS AND NATO SCIENCE PROGRAMS. HARE' S SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS SEEM VERY STRONG. ON THE OTHER HAND, OZDAS HAS LONG- TIME NATO EXPERIENCE AND HE IS HIGHLY- REGARDED BY MANY NATO OFFICIALS.

4. IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THERE MAY BE MORE CANDIDATES AND FACT THAT LUNS APPEARS NOT TO BE RUSHING HIS DECISION, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONTINUE THOROUGH EVALUATION OF BOTH CANDIDATES AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS UP- COMING VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA. RUMSFELD

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